Retirement Scheme and Voluntary Separation Scheme on 5.5.2000. Subsequently, however, the distinction between the two was removed under the liberalized scheme announced on 6^11.2001.

(c) The names of the Central Public Sector Undertakings which have -opted forVRS upto 31st March, 2001 are given in statement [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 3046(b)]

Closing down of tea/coffee estates

3052. SHRI RAJKUfyiAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tea and coffee estates in the country have closed down during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers rendered jobless; and

(c) the steps being taken to give alternative job opportunities to the jobless workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c)The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vocational Training to Women and Girls in Himachal Pradesh

3053. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be plesed to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Employment and Training is providing Vocational Training to Women and Girls in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, vocation-wise; and

(c) the number of women and girls who benefited during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OFSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Vocational Training is provided to m^n and women in all the Vocational Training Institutes which are set up by the Directorate General of Employment & Training and the State/UT